



JANUARY 2021 VILLAGE NEWS

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Virtual Coffee & Chat with the Village President



Jan 21, 2021 06:30 PM

To Join Zoom Meeting Click on the Link Below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84809035614?pwd=eStuUTVtMHVBb2Y4UUhMTXBOMTFYUT09>

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TAX PAYMENT & PET LICENSING UPDATE

To help stop the spread of COVID, the Clerk's Office will be closed. Tax payments should be mailed or dropped in the Village's outside dropbox. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or your email address with your payment, and we will send you a receipt.

If you need to purchase a new dog license please mail, or put in the dropbox a check for the license. Also include rabies shot information if this is a new pet or the shot was recently updated. We will mail your tag(s). Prices for licenses are as follows:

Dane County:

\$17 – spayed/neutered

\$22 – unaltered

Green County:

\$12 – spayed/neutered

\$17 - unaltered

If you need additional information from the clerks that can't be handled over the phone or through the dropbox, please call our office to make an appointment.
608-455-4201 ext. 1 or 2.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Linda Kuhlman
Village Clerk-Treasurer



RECYCLING BIN OVERFLOWING?



- ***Need a BIGGER Recycling Bin
Call Public Works at 608-455-1842.***

- ***Extra Recyclables can be placed in clear plastic bags next to recycling container.***

- ***Call Pelliterri's at 608-257-4285 for a second bin.***

***If needing more info. call Clerk's Office
608-455-4201.***

ATV/UTV Ordinance



Approved by Village Board to be effective on 3/1/2021

Watch Facebook & Village of Brooklyn Website for more details.

***All Get Fit classes will
be held via Zoom until
further notice.***

***Check Facebook for the
registration link - links
will be posted the day
of class.***



***follow us on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI/>***

***We are offering
PiYo Live (Monday at
6:00pm) & Yoga (Wednesday
at 6:00pm) via Zoom (on-
line). For more information
on how to participate -
contact Stacey
(608-455-4201 or
recreation@brooklynwi.gov)***

January 2021 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The New Year has dawned with a ray of hope thanks to the FDA approved Coronavirus vaccines that have started to be given to health care workers and nursing home residents. While there is a beam of light at the end of the tunnel, it will take quite some time to get the vaccine to everyone who wants it.

As the nation looks forward optimistically, there is no doubt that scammers see this as another opportunity to defraud people of their money or gain access to their personal information. Don't let this happen to you!

The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) has issued a Fraud Alert warning seniors to be wary of vaccine-related scams. (SMPs exist to empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors and abuse through outreach, counseling and education.)

The SMP Fraud Alert would like you to know the following facts:

- You likely will not need to pay anything to get the vaccine
- You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine
- You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine
- No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer (like an insurance company) will call asking you for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine
- Beware of providers offering other products, treatments or medicines to prevent the virus

- If you get a call, text, email, or even have someone knocking at your door claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine—STOP. That is a scam. Do not pay for a promise of vaccine access or share personal information. Instead, contact the WI SMP Helpline at (888) 818-2611 to notify them. You can also report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud).

We are all anxious for this pandemic to be in the past, but we must make sure that our desire to move forward isn't enriching a scammer who is taking advantage of the current situation.

You are always welcomed to call the Senior Center at 835-5801 to talk about any potential scam concerns that you may have, regardless of whether they are related to the vaccine.

Click on this link to view the [Oregon Senior Center Newsletter Link for 01 January 2021.pdf](#)



Snow Removal from Sidewalks

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Snow **may not** be put into the street.

Snow Blowing or Shoveling Snow back into the road is not legal - Per Wisconsin State Statute 346.94 (5) PLACING INJURIOUS SUBSTANCE ON HIGHWAY. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof.

We ask that you be considerate and not place snow back into the road when cleaning your sidewalks/driveways. This causes a financial burden and can cause accidents with injuries.
Thank you for your help.

Updated Winter Parking Ordinance



The owner or user of each mailbox shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of each snowfall, remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated in front of

said mailbox, and shall remove the snow and ice away from the curb or area in front of the mailbox a minimum of fifteen (15) feet on each side of said mailbox.



Please clear snow from around fire hydrants.

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## Christmas Tree Recycling

**Remove all decorations, lights, nails, stands & plastic bags. Place at the curb for pick up.**

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Sec. 32-87 Winter Parking

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, when an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on any street in the village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.

(b) When an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on Hotel Street between Commercial Street (Hwy. 92) and North Rutland Avenue (Hwy. MM) between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.

(c) Section 32-82 is adopted by reference.

(d) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section be may be ticketed \$30 and/or towed.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin,
this 11th day of January 2021.

January Law of the Month

346.57 Speed restrictions

Driving too fast for conditions causes many wintertime troubles

Even people who take pride in being under control in every situation can easily lose control of their vehicles on icy or snow-covered roads when they drive too fast for conditions.

“When there’s ice, snow and slick spots on roadways or when visibility is reduced because of bad weather, driving at the posted speed limit might actually be too fast for conditions. The speed limit is based on a dry roadway and good driving conditions. You might not be able to stop or control your vehicle at that speed on a slippery road or during hazardous weather.”

Slowing down when driving conditions deteriorate is not just sound advice—it’s also the law.

346.57 (2) Reasonable and prudent limit. No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing. The speed of a vehicle shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any object, person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and using due care.

346.57 (3) Conditions requiring reduced speed. The operator of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of sub. (2), drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hillcrest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, when passing school children, highway construction or maintenance workers, sanitation workers, or other pedestrians, and when special hazard exists with regard to other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

A violation of this state law costs \$213.10 with four demerit points added to the driver’s record. A second offense within a 12-month period costs \$263.50 with four additional points.

Brooklyn Police Department

Police Department

Monthly Activity Report 2020

Calls for Service	Dec '20	Jan – Dec
Burglaries	1	4
Thefts	5	20
Suspicious Activity	1	20
Animal	0	19
Damage to Property	1	14
911 Disconnect/Misdial	1	13
Open Records Request	1	33
Assist Citizen	5	41
Assist Fire Department/EMS	3	16
Assist other agencies	4	54
Assist Village Departments	3	99
Traffic Incident		
Total Traffic Crashes	0	3
Traffic Incident	29	268
Traffic Citations	8	40
Traffic Warnings	3	32
Enforc. /Gen. Activity		
Misc. Comp/Arrests	1	14
Drug Charges/Comp	0	3
Referral to District Atty	0	10
Phone/Internet/Social Media	0	2
Domestic / Family / Assaults	0	16
Disturbance/Disorderly/Threats	0	14
Financial/Fraud	0	3
Missing Person/Check Welfare	0	11
Municipal Ord. Comp/Violation	3	57
Alarms	0	4
Juvenile Offenses/Comp	1	24
Found Property	1	12
Community Policing	9	53
Parking Citations/Comp	4	43
Court Orders/Warrants	0	5
Total Calls:	84	947

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020
(via online and telephone)

The December 14, 2020, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Todd Klahn and Kyle Smith. Also present were Brandon Arndt, Jane Applegate, Mike Brusberg, Ben Johnson, Matt Immel, Dale Arndt, Public Works Director Leif Spilde, Chief Wade Engelhart and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Public Comments - Brandon Arndt – He is against the asphalt plant, being that he lives in the Marcie Drive neighborhood. It will bring a lot of noise and smells that are not good for the community. We have good schools and town and it might not be good for years to come. Mike Brusberg – He's curious to get more information and he's concerned with what Brandon expressed as well. Ben Johnson – he lives in the Marcie Drive neighborhood and is concerned about the asphalt plant coming. He is concerned about the smells and noise and pollution and asked what is in it for Village of Brooklyn, what do we get in return. Todd Klahn answered the Village gets nothing. Dale Arndt – stated there are seven standards they have to meet. It cannot be detrimental to public welfare. What time will they start and end. He lives about a mile away and can hear the backup beepers as soon as they start up in the morning, and when the blacktop hits, it will be noisier. There will be way more trucks. They have to meet standards. The Town of Rutland just shut down one of the pits on Center Road. You will have odors from the plants. They want to bring in shingles to grind. They will be trucking in material mixed in with the blacktop. It will have a big effect on enjoyment of the neighborhood. There will be noise and smell. He suggested contacting Jerry Bollig, the Dane County representative for our area, at 835-7520. He lives in Oregon. His email is bollig.jerry@countyofdane.com. We need a lot of emails from people in Brooklyn. It will not be a good thing for the village. Most of the plants in the area are not next to neighborhoods. It's the southeast part of Town of Oregon, so they don't care. The Village should care. They went through something similar with the Town of Rutland and had a lot of public comments. It did not pass, because the pit is atop of all the neighbors. The board should take that into consideration. They extended the hours on the pit. December 22 is the Dane County Board meeting. Springer will post Mr. Bollig's phone number in the chat. Jane Applegate lives in the Marcie/Pine/Cedar neighborhood and agrees with a lot of the concerns raised. It's too close to a residential neighborhood and small school and will increase traffic. She's concerned about the lasting impact on property values in the town and doesn't see any benefit for having this for Brooklyn. Springer said this is not in the Village, but the Village can send a letter if they choose to. Matt Immel – he lives in the same neighborhood and is also against it. It's too close to backyards and he doesn't feel like it's helping us in any way. Dale Arndt said to Google asphalt plants and you will find all kinds of information.

Sean Brennum asked to move up this topic on the agenda. The board agreed. Springer asked for thoughts from the board. Smith said we're only voting to send a letter. We don't have a lot of say. We're in extra territorial rights. They have to go by the seven things, and we have to say that in a letter. We can't vote yes or no on the pit. Kirkpatrick said we can put together an online petition using Survey Monkey. Springer stated a letter has to be submitted. Kirkpatrick said we have plenty of time to put together a questionnaire or survey with names and addresses, and people can respond for or against and present that as an addendum to the letter. We can put it up on Village web page, which is the fastest and most effective way, and get people to respond and vote, if we have a large contingency of people against it. Springer said the decision tonight is whether the Village wants to send a letter for or against, but we can't approve it. Hawkey said the last time the hours were changed and there was movement at the pit, the Village was involved. Although a petition is good, the best thing for residents to do is call the county board and call every day, if you want to be heard. It is the Town of Oregon who holds the control. Kirkpatrick stated if we submit anything in writing, it has to be by tomorrow. Hawkey suggested calling the representatives. Springer said we will post the information tonight and people need to respond by tomorrow before the end of the day. Kirkpatrick said they will take the results of the survey between tomorrow and the 22nd and bring it with to the meeting and make reference to that. Brusberg said he lives right up against the plant, and they're very concerned. He'd like to get the perspective from the

school district as well, because it's not that far away from them. Todd Klahn stated they're not proposing a permanent plant, but what they're proposing is a portable plant. It will move in for 6-8 weeks, do work in a localized area to reduce the truck traffic. They can either haul 400 loads of sand and gravel to Fitchburg or mix it here. The portable plants are used from June to August, so there is no school and the prevailing summer winds are from the southwest, so it won't blow into the Village. Hawkey stated the school never made any comments per se from the time this has been running, and to her knowledge no complaints have been filed at this point by any residents with the County Board. Brusberg said there's not much to notice except for the noise factor, but he's more concerned about smells in the future and environmental hazards. Hawkey suggested to personally call the representatives and it will mean more because he lives close to it. Kirkpatrick suggested that anyone that can make it in person to the county board meeting, should attend. Brusberg asked when sending a link to the survey, is it possible to put a reminder to sign up for the meeting so they do that as well. Springer said we will put the contact for Bollig on the survey and remind people that they should call their rep and email, and we will put the link to the Zoom meeting. Hawkey said to include the whole county board. Springer will do that. Dale Arndt suggested going through the criteria tonight, the 8 different conditions. Hawkey said we don't have control. You need to voice that to the County Board. Town of Oregon has already passed this, so it's at the county level. In the notice of public hearing, page 3 is the standards for conditional use permits and how the proposed land will be used. **Brennum made a motion to send a letter stating our stance.** Smith seconded. Smith added to send a letter, do the survey and pass on the results to the representative at the Dane County level. Brennum thinks we should be doing everything we can so the community can make a move. As a board, all we can do is send a letter stating our stance. Kirkpatrick added to send the letter to the County Board and the Land Regulations Committee. We could send a letter to the press, local stations, if that's what we want to do. She's curious to hear what the residents think about that. Dale Arndt agreed to get the TV stations down here and have them go up and down the community and see what they think. Hawkey said if a number of residents call, it will carry more weight because they live by it. Brennum said it can't hurt to send the letter to them and see what they do about it. Brusberg also suggested making the Town aware of the concerns that exist. Brennum said it sounds like they already voted and approved it. Klahn said they already voted on it. He's been around these in his business working for the town and he's been in and out of these pits. It is less environmentally friendly to send all the gravel trucks to Fitchburg and then send to where they're paving. It's more friendly to mix where the aggregate is. As far as smell, it will be minimal coming out of these operations. It's portable and only in the pit 6-8 weeks out of the year. They do what they have in the area and then move to another area so they don't have to run trucks near as much. Brusberg asked how close is the Fitchburg plant to other residential areas. Brandon Arndt said it's by Quarry Ridge. Klahn said they're mixing it now, that's the biggest plant they have. They haul gravel up there all summer. When they are hauling rock out of this pit, they're hauling 400 trucks a day out of the pit and nobody notices.

Brennum repeated his motion to send a letter stating our disapproval of the quarry to the Zoning and Land Regulations Committee and the County Board at large. Smith seconded. Ayes – Brennum, Smith, Kirkpatrick, Springer, Hawkey. Opposed – Olson, Klahn. Motion carried for village to send a letter. Brusberg asked if the survey will be posted to the Brooklyn Village Facebook page and shared with the Brooklyn page. Springer and Kirkpatrick will take care of that.

Douglas/Kerch Street Pond – Hawkey thinks we need more time to review before we take any action. We need to look at what's going on with the proposals, because they're extremely high. The minimum starting cost is \$37,000. Kirkpatrick is unclear on the last page which pumping approach is listed, as they talked about portable pumps and something like a sump pump that would pump into the sewer. There are questions we want to ponder before making a decision. Spilde said Option 2 is the stormwater pumping option, the portable pump. Option 1 is the gravity feed overflow pipe. The last page with the study and fee of \$37,500, that's the same number, because that would be the studies that have to be done downstream whether we pump it or whether we do gravity flow or whatever. The construction costs are on the right-hand side. Kirkpatrick asked if the storm sewer and stormwater one is the one with submersible pump. Spilde stated in the presentation, they talked about if we pump water into the street and let it flow, or if they chose to put in some type of pump, if it's even possible, and pump into storm sewer and flow that way. We had talked in a couple different conversations about putting monitoring wells and also talked about a dredging option, which was presented before, which would be the \$10,000-12,000 for drilling of the samples. They put in this report the next step, if the village chooses. Kirkpatrick

asked about the jump from \$37,500 to \$44,000 for the study, because we're dumping into own stormwater. Spilde said a lot of work goes into exploring pipe sizes, shoot elevations of current pipe sizes versus letting it flow. When Spilde spoke with Strand, they brought up the Friends of the Pond in Middleton. Strand did some investigation or was trying to and can't find the group in Middleton, but they're still looking to see if they're out there. Springer has contact information of the group from Hawkey. Springer asked what the board wants to do. Do they want to review and digest until next meeting. Hawkey said the board needs to review and define whether it will be covered by Village funds or property owners, and if strictly by property owners, they need to get a copy. It starts at \$37,500 and goes up to \$500,000. We need to figure out if the board is going to cover any or all, and if not, and what to do. Kirkpatrick said it should all be covered by special assessment since it's a localized issue. She suggested digesting it and maybe get a little bit more fleshing out on the table and share with the residents and have a hearing to discuss the options, or maybe doing potentially a survey of the residents in terms of what their preferred option is. Springer asked if we can do a mockup of potential special assessment costs, low end, medium end, and high end, so they have a better visual of what they might be paying at special assessment. Kirkpatrick said she's seen it in other areas assessed by frontage. We would have to have our zoning administrator look at this. Kuhlman stated that Strand would be the ones to figure out special assessment costs because they would have all the figures, and there's no need to get a third party involved. Hawkey asked if we have enough information, and if not enough, clarify it and divide it out between the residents. It's not a manageable amount for most people, but we don't have to go down to square footage to get an estimate. Once they see the numbers, they will be shocked by the numbers to do any of these options. She suggested postponing it to another meeting, if we think we need another meeting. Springer said we will postpone and get more information and decide whether to send to residents or not.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the November 23 minutes. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – Recreation had the tree lighting, but because of Dane County's order it was cancelled for in-person but it was live on Facebook. Springer was asked to bring up to the board about the recent break-ins on Division and Fourth Street. She's not sure what the village board can do, but she was strictly asked that she bring it up. She mentioned to the person we need ideas and suggestions so the board could discuss and move forward. No one signed up for the president's virtual coffee and chat.

COVID – 19 – vaccinations were approved and we have vaccines in Wisconsin now, but they're going to specific individuals like health care workers and first responders. Spilde added it will be a process getting them out. First responders are in the 1b category and might have by the 1st of January. We will know by Wednesday if Dane County has changed their order.

Public Works/Utilities/EM report – Spilde reported we applied for a PSC meter changeout waiver, which was approved. The paperwork has been submitted. We had a broken water main on December 1 at Hotel/Rutland. There was a small holdup with Diggers Hotline. They emptied the biosolids tank. DNR did their final inspection on the BPR tank and said it was a very well-run project. Streets/parks/cemetery – had 8 inches of snow and plowed twice on Saturday. Tree City was submitted on the 24th. Streets were swept on December 1. Continuing to work with state on Highway 92 project. Cleaning out the dump ended for the year. Olson asked how the plowing went. Spilde said the wet, heavy snows are hard. There's salt residue down that turns to ice. The new 1-1/2 ton 550 had some problems mechanically on the transmission. They're working with Monroe Truck. It's a warranty issue. Smith asked about the parking ordinance. Spilde said the plowing started Friday afternoon, and it didn't quit until Saturday around noon. It was a 24-hour snowfall, and there were cars, and it was a struggle for the snowplowing because of all the parked cars. Smith thought the new ordinance says if it starts before midnight, they shouldn't be out there. Spilde said he doesn't have the ordinance in front of him. Smith asked how it went, making sure parking wasn't an issue, but it sounds like it was, so maybe the board needs to look at that again. Spilde said it was a prolonged snowstorm and people were taking advantage of it. They would see them coming and pull their cars out into the street. They were able to go back a second time and hit the spots they didn't get the first time. There were about 14 cars that they ended up plowing around. Springer asked what time was the first plow. Spilde said they salted Friday afternoon about 4:30 and started plowing Saturday at 4:30 a.m. and then waited and watched radar, and the second plowing was around

11:30-12. Springer asked if she heard him say that when people see them coming, they backed vehicles into the street. Spilde stated that is not an uncommon practice. Hawkey asked why. Spilde said then you can block your driveway from being plowed in. Spilde said a lot of people do hear them coming and move their vehicles off the street. Spilde stated all four employees at DPW do not enjoy plowing driveways in. It's the worst feeling in the world to do that, but they can't put the snow anywhere else. Kirkpatrick stated they're doing their job, and that's an unfortunate side effect. The residents just need to know that and deal with it. Hawkey thinks they did an okay job considering the situation.

Safety report – Chief Engelhart stated the parking ordinance says after the event, so that's when it starts to be enforced. Smith stated after the event, but that means at midnight we can start enforcing the next day. Engelhart said he took it as after the event stops, that's when they start enforcing it. Smith suggested looking at it again. Discussion on interpretation of the ordinance. Hawkey suggested it be looked at again.

Chief's Report – In November they had a total of 47 calls. Both officers had vacation time. With Green and Dane they had a total of 70 calls. Green County came in 4 times and Dane County 19, which resorts back to the thefts from vehicles, which are not considered vehicle break-ins. 4 open record requests. Assisted Dane in an accident once. Assisted Green County with an EMS call. One parking 48-hour violation. Seven traffic incidents, 2 verbal warnings for equipment violations. Six referrals to the DA. Three forensic interviews. Worked with Green County Human Services. Three ordinance violations, one for disorderly conduct and two others. They are continuing the speed board, but it does not have a long duration of batteries during cold weather so they're backing it up to shorter time frames. Training – all staff members went through the required pursuit and EVOC training for fiscal year 2021. Chief attended a DOJ webinar for Recruiting and Retention During Challenging Times. Officer Burns attended a webinar for Cohesion and Leadership and a webinar for Interview and Interrogation. The PD received a DOJ grant for \$10,000 and also submitted a final request for a speed board to be donated from All Traffic Solutions. Kirkpatrick asked what the average battery life is in the winter on the speed boards. Chief said he doesn't know because they don't put it out once it's really cold. They have about a 9-day life in summer and slowly goes to 6-7 days in fall and they usually don't put it out when it's really cold because you only get a day or two out of it once the temperature is in single digits, and it depends on the amount of vehicles coming past. Kirkpatrick asked about getting a spare set of batteries to swap out. Engelhart said they are expensive, but he will check into that. Kirkpatrick said residents have talked to her about speed on entry and exit points into the village and seeing an uptick in the speeding and asking why aren't we putting it out more often and moving it around. She suggested finding out what the cost would be to swap it out. Chief Engelhart said it's probably the same conversation he's had with residents who have called him regarding that, and he's told them they're trying to address it and trying to get the speed board out as much as possible, but once the board is out more than 3-4 days, it becomes a game and not as effective. Kirkpatrick said they acknowledged that and asked about rotating it to different locations every couple of days. Engelhart stated they try to do that, and in the summer they try to do two deployments in a month, because they still have to bring it back and charge the battery and pull the data. He tries to get rotation for two 9-day deployments per month, and in between they're pulling the data off and recharging batteries. He agrees and would like to get it out more and more if they can. They only have one speed board at this time.

Purchase of equipment – Chief Engelhart stated there is some money available in the safety budget, around \$10,000-11,000, and it mostly comes from the part-time officer budget and clerical staff. He gave a list to the board. There are a variety of items utilizing money available in the budget. The total is \$10,569, and he's still working on trying to lower the costs, but he's waiting to hear back from companies. The Police Department is getting a \$10,000 grant from DOJ. It was written in November and on December 10 it was approved and signed by DOJ and has gone to Attorney General's office to sign off on it. A lot of that will be utilized within the Police Department to update systems and purchase another Evaclean sanitizing system like the one they've been utilizing. When signed by the Attorney General, he will meet with Springer to sign. Also, he's put in a request for a grant for another speed board through All Traffic Solutions, and he spoke with the rep and our department was moved into the final phase, so it's down to the last few departments that will be offered a speed board. He didn't want to use up part of the DOJ grant for the speed board, if we get it somewhere else. If we're not picked, he'll put right back in for

it again. They're still giving them away because of COVID and increase of speeds, and they're looking to help small departments. Chief would like to use part of money available in the budget for some other items that have been held off from updating. He's hoping the board is willing to allow him to spend and utilize the money for the needs of the department. Kirkpatrick asked when we might hear about the speed board. Engelhart does not have a time frame. They started the process about three months ago and have given out speed boards to two other departments. There's not a time frame. It's when they have their department meeting and make that determination. Kirkpatrick asked if he's looking at the other \$10,000 grant for the items listed here or is the list what he wants to use the unused funds in the budget. Engelhart stated the \$10,000 from DOJ is allocated for equipment within the police department COVID-related and not on this list. Springer stated we've talked about the security cameras and thought we had cameras on over the summer. Engelhart stated those were trail cameras that were utilized from MOCIC that he obtained on loan. This is a security camera system originally brought to the board to have down at the two parks and parking lot at the community building and the door to the PD, which was originally brought up last summer. We would have servers in the park and mount them in the heated storage areas that the DPW has. Kirkpatrick thought we had a camera at the door to the PD now. Engelhart said there is a camera, but it doesn't record. It's just a monitor at the PD. Springer asked if items 7 and 8 are together, the infrared cases and the cameras. Engelhart stated they are protective cases for the infrared cameras in the squads. Those cases are just a hard pelican case to buy and put in the squads so it's not unprotected. Springer asked about number 3, the radar unit, don't we have a radar unit in the squad. Engelhart stated the older one from the 2013 was transferred to the new squad, and then before we went to the 2013 we won a radar unit from DOT grant and that's where we put that in. When we got the new squad, we put the old unit in there instead of taking it out of the 2013 squad. It's old and really needs to be updated. Item 1 is the protective shield. Two of three shields were updated with donations from VFW last year. 2 is looking for a third tactical vest for part-time staff. 4. Tires. 5. Ammo is at a premium, so anytime he can get it, he would like to order. It's been difficult to locate. 6. Three of the four chairs were updated in the PD, and this is the last one. Brennum asked why these were not put into the budget for next year instead of doing it this way. Engelhart stated he could have, but he waited to see what was left over from this year because it's an extensive list. He usually waits to see if we have excess amounts. He would love to put it in the budget. Springer asked if there is anything he absolutely has to have. Engelhart stated the security camera system is going to help the village and park system for any damage and for investigations. He can justify all the items, but if the board says no, he will deal with what they have currently and wait until later on or not update it, but it will come back at some point in time to update. We will have to look at an updated light bar for the 2013 squad in a year or two, because it's getting old. If the board says no, he will move on and continue using what they have. Discussion on the light bar and the condition of the 2013 squad. Hawkey doesn't see anything on the list that is an emergency, and it hasn't been the process in the past to allow department heads to spend money that just goes into the fund balance. She doesn't see why he has to spend at this time. Springer asked what the board wants to do with the list. Engelhart stated he has come to the board and DPW has come to the board at the end of the year and requested to buy some tasers and things on excess money. This is not the first time, but it's up to the board to make that determination. The list he has is nothing they don't utilize every day. The tactical helmet, they added two from donations last year. He has two tactical vests, but he's looking to add a vest for part-time. Updating radar, he doesn't think is too big a request for one showing its age, and squad tires are just shy of \$600 for a set, department ammunition, a chair, protective cases for the cameras, he doesn't think there's anything outrageous and lets them do their job. The security cameras will pay for themselves in doing investigations. It allows them to do their job more efficiently, and some of the stuff is protective equipment for the officers. Kirkpatrick asked if they have helmets and vests for full-time officers. Engelhart said yes. Kirkpatrick asked if there is a priority to the list. Engelhart stated the last couple of years he's updated the tactical vests and helmet and that would be what he would look for first. Radar is number three. If they don't want to buy tires, they'll just run on bald tires, so he doesn't know if that's a priority. Number 5 would be the department ammo. They're not running out right now, but it is hard to find right now. The chair is next. He's updated three of the four. Then the protective cases and security cameras, if they don't want to have it. They can continue doing investigations and not have a security system in the parks. Kirkpatrick hears what he's saying that it would pay for itself and help to diminish property damage, etc. Engelhart stated there were several other things he could have put on the list but wanted to prioritize these seven or eight things. He's looking to utilize money that didn't get used this year and to maybe be set up so in the future he doesn't have to put it

in the budget again. Kirkpatrick asked for the priority of the list. Engelhart stated it's hard. He's trying to put us in a position for the future so we don't have to wait for something to break or be replaced. He stated if he had to order them, it would be the top 3. He doesn't need tires, chairs, ammo, and the security camera he can take out. That's all he needs. Kirkpatrick didn't say to take out the tires; she's asking for prioritization of the list. Chief said the top 3 are helmet, vest and radar unit. He's always wanted the security cameras in the park for the security of the village and that can be number 4. Springer asked if the tires are bald or close to bald. Engelhart said the winter tires were just put on the squad. Hawkey asked why tires are not under regular budget for equipment. Engelhart stated they are. This list are items so he won't have to utilize next year budget funds or have a problem with later on.

Klahn made a motion to transfer money to cover items 1, 2 and 8, the protective shield, the level 3 tactile vest and security camera. Smith asked if he wants to do it now or wait until fiscal year and find out what it is before we dedicate the money to it. Klahn said we can wait. Do we have to make motion to transfer out now or do in January. Kuhlman said if we can get it and purchase now, it's cleaner in the budget to do it now rather than going into 2021 and using fund balance. Klahn said he'd like to do it now and get it done. The amount is \$4,340, transfer that amount from the budget and get it spent this year. No second. **Motion failed for lack of a second.**

Vehicle break-ins – Engelhart stated Dane County took most of the calls. Someone was on at 3 a.m. from Brooklyn, and the theft from autos, it was not a vehicle break-in because they were all unlocked, started at 4-4:30. He's still working with Dane County on the investigation and trying to obtain the reports and work with them. He's reached out to a lieutenant and detectives working on that case. Springer asked about a neighborhood watch. Engelhart stated no one has contacted him regarding that. Brennum said he emailed before he became a board member and never heard back. Engelhart stated he sent documentation on setting it up, because the police department can't set it up, so he sent several articles and information on that. Brennum will look for it. He remembers getting information that night and appreciates that. Engelhart stated he has paperwork for a checklist for starting the program that was talked about. He has no problem going to a neighborhood watch meeting, but the Village can't be responsible for providing directions because of the liability of the people out there. That was one of the discussions that took place.

Clerk's Report – Financials for November were handed out. Total of \$338,066.74 in deposits. \$126,658.38 was the last shared revenue for 2020, and \$94,754.51 was a CWF loan payout. We will be getting another payout this month for the last 5% of the CWF loan. We will still be taking draws next year for the \$15,000 for Strand to help with training and monitoring. We had total withdrawals of \$245,379.68. There was a total in all accounts at the end of November of \$1,549,825.06. Tax bills went out last week from Green County and Dane County. We have started to get payments in. Springer asked about page 30 of the board packet; the collateral report shows 2018 instead of 2020, is that an error. Kuhlman checked, and it was an error in date, which will be corrected. It should be 2020. Kuhlman asked the board for direction on collecting taxes. We stated in the letter that was sent with tax bills that we'd be open for collecting taxes, but with COVID spiking again, we want to check with the board again about having residents coming into the office. We have checked the neighboring communities, and everyone around us is closed and accepting only dropoff or mail or credit cards and doing dog licenses by mail, and then sending receipts by email or mail. One community is having one day that they're open inside to take taxes in December and January. She said the options are to have the office closed and mail in or put in the dropbox and we will send the receipt and dog licenses by mail; we could have the office open one day a week like on Fridays; or have it open all the time, but will leave the decision to the board. Springer would like to keep the office closed since all others are closed and mail or email receipts back. Kirkpatrick agreed. Most items can be handled over the phone, and if not, by appointment only like one day a week on a Friday, if they feel it's absolutely necessary. We will not have people walk up to the door and come in. She asked how often is that needed, given years past. Kuhlman said people phone with questions, and pretty much everyone who pays wants a receipts and that's why they come in and drop it off. Kirkpatrick said they could send self-addressed stamped envelopes or give us their email. Hawkey asked about dog licenses. Kuhlman said dog/cat licenses would have to be mailed out. If updated rabies information is need, they can drop off a copy with their checks, or the vet clinics will fax or email, and we'd have to send the licenses out in the mail or make an appointment to be picked up. Hawkey said the cost will be interesting. Kuhlman thought maybe 65 cents instead of 50 to mail. Hawkey has no issue with

the offices being closed, and if they want to come in, they need to make an appointment. We do have the shields and they don't have to open the door. Just drop off and tell us what you need, and it can be mailed or emailed. There are certain circumstances they might need an appointment. **Hawkey made a motion to close the office to the public and have the public make appointments if they need to be in office to pay taxes or do dog licenses.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Springer and Olson reviewed the bills. Olson clarified a few items with Kuhlman earlier in the day. **Springer made a motion to approve bills as presented to the board.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Springer asked if the board does not meet on the 28th, can we go ahead and pay the bills that week after herself and someone else checks bills. Hawkey suggested sending the invoices and check register to all board members. **Springer made a motion that we will send the bills out to the board for approval, and if the majority of the board members look over and approve by the 29th, she will sign the checks.** Hawkey seconded. Smith stated they would need to be sent to the board on the 23rd. **Springer amended her motion to state the bills will be sent out to the board by the 23rd and approved by the 28th so they can be signed on the 29th.** Hawkey seconded the amendment. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained that employees Engelhart, Spilde, Roberts, Golz and Hollis are asking to carry over up to 40 hours of vacation time and Kuhlman is asking to carry over up to 29.50 hours. Smith confirmed that these hours need to be used by June. **Smith made a motion to approve the carryover hours as stated.** Kirkpatrick seconded.

Kirkpatrick made a motion at 8:36 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds; WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; WI Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (all departments). Hawkey seconded. AYES - Smith, Springer, Kirkpatrick, Brennum, Olson, Klahn and Hawkey.

Meeting reconvened at 10:17 p.m.

Springer made a motion to approve the motions made in closed session. Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion at 10:20 p.m. to adjourn. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** \$5.00/ Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201</p>	<p>1 Pickleball 8a-5p PiYo 6p</p>	<p>2 In-Person Absentee Voting Begins Pickleball 8a-5p **Tires, Oil, Battery Pick-up</p>	<p>3 Pickleball 8a-5p Yoga 6p</p>	<p>4 Pickleball 8a-8p</p>	<p>5 Pickleball 8a-5p</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Pickleball 8a-5p PiYo 6p Village Board Mtg 630p</p>	<p>9 Pickleball 8a-5p</p>	<p>10 Pickleball 8a-5p Yoga 6p</p>	<p>11 Pickleball 8a-8p</p>	<p>12 In-Person Absentee Voting Ends Pickleball 8a-5p</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day </p>	<p>15 Pickleball 8a-5p PiYo 6p</p>	<p>16 ELECTION Pickleball 8a-5p</p>	<p>17 Pickleball 8a-5p Yoga 6p</p>	<p>18 Pickleball 8a-8p</p>	<p>19 Pickleball 8a-5p</p>	<p>20</p>
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